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Serial No.: 10/085,630)	
)	Art Unit: 3728
Confirmation No.: 5367)	
)	Our Account No.: 04-1403
Filed: February 28, 2002)	
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For: Surgical Kit for "Pull" type)	
Percutaneous Endoscopic)	
Gastrostomy Procedures)	

Amendment

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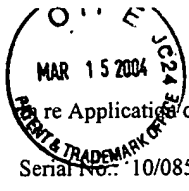
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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 21 minus 21 = 0	X \$18 =	\$.00	
Independent Claims 4 minus 3 = 1	x \$86 =	\$ 86.00	
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